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1)	5,634,053	05/27/1997	Noble et al.

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

1)	L. Liu, C. Pu, and Y. Lee, "An Adaptive Approach to Query Mediation across Heterogeneous Information Sources," IEEE, pp. 144-156 (1996).
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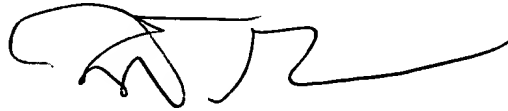
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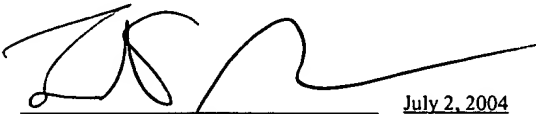
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